

APPROVED

Harbor Safety Committee of the Humboldt Bay Area

0900 hours November 16, 2023 – Hybrid In-Person Meeting @ Woodley Island Marina Conference Room & Via ZOOM Video Conference Call

Attendees	
Capt. Leroy Zerlang (Zerlang & Zerlang / Coos Bay Tug)	Andrew Manning (Bar Pilot Apprentice)
Cory Mooers (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Michael Lee (Bar Pilot Observing Apprentice) – via Zoom
Amber Shehan (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Peter Mull (US Army Corps of Engineers) – via Zoom
Rob Holmlund (Humboldt Bay Harbor District)	Jeffrey Ferguson (NOAA) – via Zoom
Mike Coyne (CDFW OSPR)	CO Rob Canepa (USCG Station Hum Bay)
Jonathan Bishop (CA Coastal Commission) – via Zoom	CWO Scott Miller (USCG MSD Hum Bay)
Reuben Macaspac (CDFW OSPR)	MST 1 Austin Heath (USCG MSD Hum Bay)
Ross McDonald (Sause Brothers) – via Zoom	BM1 Nathan Beach (USCG Station Hum Bay)
Grant Roden (Trinidad Rancheria Harbor)	MST1 Mark Harmeling (USCG MSD Hum Bay)
Kent Hulbert (Hum. Area Saltwater Anglers)	CDR Krysia Pohl (USCG Sector SF)
Deputy Travis Rogers (HCSO)	LCDR Ian Oviatt (USCG Sector SF)
Deputy Phil Dastool (HCSO)	LCDR Mike Laurence (USCG Sector SF)
Nick Preston (Sause Brothers)	LT Abby Halmann (USCG Sector SF)
Colin Campbell (Green Diamond)	CO Dayton Trubee (USCG Sector Hum Bay) – via Zoom
Jon Victoria (CDFW OSPR) – via Zoom	
Bridget Hand-Nichols (Cal Poly Humboldt)	

Chair Leroy Zerlang called the meeting to order at 0900 hours.

- 1. Committee and Meeting Attendee Introductions were made. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 2. Public Comment:** None.
- 3. Comments by Chairperson:** Captain Zerlang appointed Kent Hulbert as the new Vice Chairperson of the Harbor Safety Committee.
- 4. USCG Reports:**
 - a. Nuisance Vessels / Unseaworthy Vessels / Sunken Vessels / Abandoned Vehicles / Vessels / Debris Abatement / Oil Spills / Accidents / Incidents:** Scott Miller gave report on 3 incidents from August to November 2023.
- 5. Port/ Harbor/ Marina Reports:**
 - a. Crescent City:** None.
 - b. Noyo Harbor:** None.
 - c. Trinidad Harbor:** Grant Roden gave report that the Trinidad Harbor Parking lot is scheduled for construction beginning June 2024 as the final phase to complete the stormwater retention project. On December 10, 2023, there is the Lighted Boat Parade in Trinidad.
 - d. City of Eureka Marina:** None.
 - e. Port of Humboldt Bay:** Cory Mooers gave an update on requiring insurance for Woodley Island Marina tenants. Rob Holmlund gave a presentation on the status of the new Multipurpose Heavy Lift Terminal. Amber Shehan gave a brief status update regarding Woodley Island Marina dredging.
- 6. US Army Corps of Engineers Report:** Peter Mull gave report. A public meeting was held in October at the Wharfinger building regarding Near Shore Placement on the North Spit as a pilot project in 2025 for dredge material beneficial reuse. The Regional Hopper contract is out for bid for the Bar and Entrance Channel in June 2024. There is a budget for 5-7 days for the Yaquina to dredge the inner channels in mid to late April 2024.
- 7. OSPR Reports:** Reuben Macaspac swore in Leroy Zerlang as Primary Tug Operator and will continue to be Chairperson. Nick Preston was sworn in as Alternate for Tank Barge Operators. Colin Campbell was sworn in as Primary Dry Cargo. Julie Moug to be sworn in next meeting as Alternate for Dry Cargo.
- 8. Member Reports**
 - a. NOAA:** Jeffrey Ferguson gave report and asked for local feedback regarding the cancellation of the Raster Chart for Humboldt Bay on 08/30/2023. All Raster Charts from Mexico to Canada will be cancelled by December 2024.
 - b. Local Law Enforcement:** Travis Rogers informed that HCSO will receive their new boat 6 months ahead

of schedule in January 2024. Their current boat will be returned to the State. Leroy Zerlang thanked the HCSO for their cleanup of the Peninsula.

- c. **State Lands/Coastal Commission:** Jonathan Bishop had nothing to report. He asked the committee to consider a Sub-Committee or Working Group regarding Offshore Wind and the new Multipurpose Terminal.
- d. **Bar Pilots:** Leroy Zerlang gave report. Out of 3 cruise ships received this year, 2 were Hybrid. 4 cruise ships are scheduled for 2024. Andrew Manning has successfully passed his test for endorsement of his Apprentice License. Michael Lee and Paul Casken are continuing their training as Observing Pilots.
- e. **Tank Barge:** Nick Preston reported a tank barge scheduled for November 17th.
- f. **Dry Cargo:** Colin Campbell gave a report on chip ships. There is one ship in Port, one more planned for the first half of December. One barge planned for loading in December 2023. Next woodchip ship likely for late January 2024.
- g. **Tug Operators:** Leroy Zerlang gave an update that the "Koos King" Tug is now owned by Sause Brothers and operated by Billeter Marine. The Regulator Tug will be leaving Humboldt Bay. The "Julius Brusco" is awaiting a Tier 4 engine in 2024 and is back in Humboldt Bay along with the "Angie". There is a possibility of log exports returning to Humboldt Bay. The Salty Santa parade in Humboldt Bay is planned for December 16, 2023.
- h. **Tribal/Environmental:** None.
- i. **Commercial Fishing:** Leroy Zerlang gave report that commercial crab season likely delayed until December 15th. Salmon season was cancelled, and Albacore season was poor.
- j. **Recreational Boater Safety:** Kent Hulbert gave report. Bluefin season has produced large fish from Noyo Harbor to Brookings. The restricted depth on Rockfish is affecting recreational fishing. Bridget Hand-Nichols gave an update on the Aquatic Center.

9. Approve Meeting Minutes from July 20, 2023:

Motion to approve by Travis Rogers. Seconded by Kent Hulbert. Voice vote called, approved unanimously.

AYES: Zerlang, Rogers, Hulbert, Preston, Campbell

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Bishop (Zoom),

ABSENT: Ibach, Mikkelsen, Powell, Canter

- 10. New business:** Larry Oetker is retiring from the Harbor District on December 30, 2023. Chris Mikkelsen will be the new Acting Executive Director for the Harbor District, and Primary Member for Port Authority as of December 1, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 hours.

The next Harbor Safety meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2024.

Amber Shehan, Secretariat
Port of Humboldt Bay